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Γυναικὸς ὃδὲ χρῆμ' ἀνὴρ λιπ⁀ρεται
Εὐλῆς ἄμεινον, ὃδὲ βέλτιον κακῆς. Simonides.

Tuesday, October 30. 1711.

THERE are no Authors I am more pleaſed with than thoſe who ſhew Human Nature in a variety of Views, and deſcribe the ſeveral Ages of the World in their Manners. A Reader cannot be more entertained, than by comparing the Virtues of his own Times, with thoſe that preceded the Times of his Fore-fathers; and drawing in his Mind between his own private Character and that of other Perſons, whether of his Country, or of the Ages that went before him. The Contemplation of Mankind under theſe changeable Colours is apt to ſhame us out of any particular Vice, or inſpire us to any particular Virtue, to make us thoroughly diſpleaſed with our ſelves in the moſt agreeable Points, to clear our Minds of Prejudice and Paſſion, and rectifie that Narrowneſs of Temper which inclines us to think amiſs of thoſe who differ from our ſelves.

If we look into the Manners of the moſt remote Parts of the World, we diſcover Human Nature in her Simplicity; and the more we come nearer towards our own Times, may obſerve her dreſſing herſelf in Artifices and Refinements, Poliſhing inſenſibly out of her Original Plainneſs, and at laſt entirely loſt under Form and Ceremony, and what we call) Good-breeding. Read the Accounts of Men and Women as they are given us by the moſt ancient Writers, both Sacred and Prophane, one would think you were reading the Hiſtory of another Species.

Among the Writers of Antiquity, there are none who deſcribe us more openly in the Manners of their reſpective Times in which they lived, than thoſe who have employed themſelves in Satyr, under what Maſk ſoever it may appear; as there are no other Authors, whoſe Province it is to enter ſo directly into the Ways of Men, and ſet their Miſcarriages in a ridiculous Light.

Simonides, a Poet famous in his Generation, is I think Author of the oldeſt Satyr that is now extant; as ſome ſay, of the firſt that was ever written. This Poet flouriſhed about four hundred Years after the Siege of *Troy*, and ſhews by his way of Writing, the Simplicity, or rather Coarſeneſs of the Age in which he lived. I have taken notice, in my Hundred and ſixty firſt Speculation, that the Rule of obſerving what the *French* call the *bienſéance*, in an Alluſion, has been found out of latter Years; and that the Ancients, provided there was a Likeneſs in their Similitudes, did not much trouble themſelves about the Decency of the Compariſon. The Satyr or Lampoon of *Simonides*, with which I ſhall entertain my Readers in the preſent Paper, are a remarkable Inſtance of what I formerly advanced. The Subject of this Satyr is Woman. He deſcribes the Sex in their ſeveral Characters, which he deduces to them from a fanciful Suppoſition raiſed upon the Doctrine of Præ-exiſtence. He tells us, that the Gods formed the Souls of Women out of thoſe Seeds and Principles which compoſe ſeveral kinds of Animals and Elements, and that their Good or Bad Diſpoſitions ariſe in them according as ſuch and ſuch Seeds and Principles predominate in their Conſtitutions. I have tranſlated the Author very faithfully, and if not Word for Word (which our Language would not bear) at leaſt, ſo as to comprehend every one of his Sentiments, without adding any thing of my own. I have already apologized for this Author's want of Delicacy, and muſt further premiſe, that the following Satyr affects only ſome of the lower part of the Sex, and not thoſe who have been refined by a Polite Education, which was not ſo common in the Age of this Poet.

In the Beginning God made the Souls of Womankind out of different Materials, and in a ſeparate State from their Bodies.

The Souls of one kind of Women were formed out of thoſe Ingredients which compoſe a Swine. A Woman of this Make is a Slatt in her Houſe, and a Glutton at her Table. She is uncleanly in her Perſon, a Slattern in her Dreſs; and her Family is no better than a Dunghill.

A Second ſort of Female Soul was formed out of the ſame Materials that enter into the Compoſition of a Fox. Such an one is what we call a notable diſcerning Woman, who has an Inſight into every thing, whether it be good or bad. In this Species of Females there are ſome Vertuous and ſome Vicious.

A Third Kind of Women were made up of Canine Particles. Theſe are what we commonly call Scolds, *who imitate the Animals out of which they were taken, that are always buſy and barking, that ſnarl at every one who comes in their way, and live in perpetual Clamour.*

The Fourth Kind of Women were made out of the Earth. Theſe are your Sluggards, who paſs away their Time in Indolence and Ignorance, hover over the Fire a whole Winter, and apply themſelves with Alacrity to no kind of Buſineſs but Eating.

The Fifth Species of Females were made out of the Sea. Theſe are Women of variable uneven Tempers, ſometimes all Storm and Tempeſt, ſometimes all Calm and Sunſhine. The Stranger who ſees one of theſe in her Smiles and Smoothneſs would cry her up for a Miracle of good Humour; but on a ſudden her Looks and her Words are changed, ſhe is nothing but Fury and Outrage, Noiſe and Hurricane.

The Sixth Species were made up of the Ingredients which compoſe an Aſs, or a Beaſt of Burden. Theſe are naturally exceeding Slothful, but upon the Husband's exerting his Authority will live upon hard Fare, and do every thing to pleaſe him. They are however far from being averſe to Venereal Pleaſure, and ſeldom refuſe a Male Companion.

The Cat furniſhed Materials for a ſeventh Species of Women, who are of a melancholy, froward, unamiable

able Nature, and ſo repugnant to the Offers of Love, that they fly in the Face of their Husband when he approaches them with Conjugal Endearments. This Species of Women are likewiſe ſubject to little Thefts, Cheats and Pilferings.

The Mare with a flowing Mane, which was never broke to any Servile Toil and Labour, compoſed an Eighth Species of Women. Theſe are they who have little regard for their Husbands, who paſs away their Time in Dreſſing, Bathing and Perfuming; who throw their Hair into the niceſt Curls, and trick it up with the faireſt Flowers and Garlands. A Woman of this Species is a very pretty thing for a Stranger to look upon, but very detrimental to her Owner, unleſs it be a King or Prince, who takes a Fancy to ſuch a Toy.

The Ninth Species of Females were taken out of the Ape. Theſe are ſuch as are both ugly and ill-natured, who have nothing beautiful in themſelves, and endeavour to detract from or ridicule every thing which appears ſo in others.

The Tenth and Laſt Species of Women were made out of the Bee, and happy is the Man who gets ſuch an one for his Wife. She is altogether faultleſs and unblameable. Her Family flouriſhes and improves by her good Management. She loves her Husband, and is beloved by him. She brings him a Race of beautiful and vertuous Children. She diſtinguiſhes her ſelf among her Sex. She is ſurrounded with Graces. She never ſits among the looſe Tribe of Women, nor paſſes away her Time with them in wanton Diſcourſes. She is full of Vertue and Prudence, and is the beſt Wife that Jupiter *can beſtow on Man.*

I ſhall conclude theſe Iambicks with the Motto of this Paper, which is a Fragment of the ſame Author. *A Man cannot poſſeſs any thing that is better than a good Woman, nor any thing that is worſe than a bad one.*

As the Poet has ſhewn a great Penetration in this Diverſity of Female Characters, he has avoided the Fault which *Juvenal* and Monſieur *Boileau* are guilty of, the former in his Sixth, and the other in his laſt Satyr, where they have endeavoured to expoſe the Sex in general, without doing Juſtice to the valuable Part of it. Such levelling Satyrs are of no uſe to the World, and for this reaſon I have often wondered how the *French* Author above-mentioned, who was a Man of exquiſite Judgment, and a Lover of Virtue, could think Human Nature a proper Subject for Satyr in another of his celebrated Pieces, which is called *The Satyr upon Man.* What Vice or Frailty can a Diſcourſe correct, which cenſures the whole Species alike, and endeavours to ſhew by ſome Superficial Strokes of Wit, that Brutes are the more excellent Creatures of the two? A Satyr ſhould expoſe nothing but what is corrigible, and make a due Diſcrimination between thoſe who are, and thoſe who are not, the proper Objects of it.

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